

I hold an Extra Class License, W8ISZ, and am very concerned about the extreme increase in radio interference likely to be caused by putting a Broadband over Powerline system in place. I, as well as a large number of other amateur radio operators, support our local and state government by providing emergency communications. We also assist agencies with public service communications. We are likewise involved and ready to assist with homeland security activities. We utilize radio frequencies between 3.5 to 440 Mhz to accomplish our tasks.

There is already an interference potential with the existing Part 15 radiation limits for BPL Systems. If these limits are further increased as requested by the electric utilities, the frequencies from 2 to 80 Mhz will become totally useless for amateur radio operations and for all other users as well. Our capability and flexibility to provide assistance and service to all levels of government will be in serious trouble.

I ask you to protect all licensed users of the radio spectrum. This will impact other users also, including federal, state and local agencies as well as shortwave broadcasters. Please include the Amateur Radio Relay League on any evaluation and study of this project.

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